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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of:)	Art Unit: 1652
Kazuhiko MARUTA et al.)	Examiner: R. PROUTY
Serial No.: 09/419,305)	Washington, D.C.
Filed: October 15, 1999)	March 19, 2002
For: RECOMBINANT THERMOSTABLE)	Confirmation No. 10
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 20, 2000, petition and payment for a one month extension of time being attached hereto, please amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claim 1 with new amended claim 1 as follows below. A marked up version of the amended claim to show the changes made is attached hereto.

1 (Thrice-amended). A purified recombinant thermostable enzyme which has the following physicochemical properties:

(1) Action.

Forming non-reducing saccharides having a

trehalose structure as an end unit and having a

degree of glucose polymerization of at least 3

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